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COUNCIL AGAIN REJECTS PROPOSED "TECHWAY"

The Montgomery County Council today unanimously reaffirmed its opposition to the construction of the so-called "Techway," citing the Techway's possible destruction of the county's 90,000-acre Agricultural Reserve and catastrophic effects on already developed neighborhoods.

"This just does not make sense," said Councilmember Nancy Floreen, Chair of the Transportation and Environment Committee. "The price is too steep for a roadway that will not relieve our traffic congestion."

The Techway, which would connect Northern Virginia to Montgomery County over the Potomac River, has long been opposed by previous Montgomery County Councils. Congressman Frank Wolf of Virginia dropped the federal study of the Techway in 2001 after realizing its impact on neighborhoods and agricultural land on both sides of the Potomac River.

"We are committed to finding smart solutions to the traffic congestion problem," said Councilmember Floreen. "That does not include the Techway."

"Our Agricultural Reserve is a crown jewel of this County," said Councilmember Mike Knapp who represents the UpCounty. "We've made it happen, now we have to preserve it against any 'Techway'. There will be pressure for a 'Techway' and development and we must continue to re-affirm our commitment to our agricultural industry and to the Agricultural Reserve."

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